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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

COMMUNICATION

In the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the enclosed references had not been considered because the paperwork was separated from the application file jacket. It is therefore requested that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and return an initialed copy of the PTO Forms 1449 to Applicants.

Enclosed are copies of references **AA-AH** that were listed on the PTO Form 1449 originally filed **July 20, 2001**, a copy of which is attached to this communication. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Certificate of Mailing dated **July 20, 2001** is also attached.

I have enclosed a clean copy of the PTO-1449 so the Examiner can initial and return to us.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to deposit account 23-3050.

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